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NRP ExCom Meeting

23 August 1967

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. TAGBOARD Summary

2. DNRO Memo, Aug. 18, 1967 -- Status of TAGBOARD

3. AD/NE Memo, Aug. 11, 1967 -- TAGBOARD

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NRO review(s) completed.

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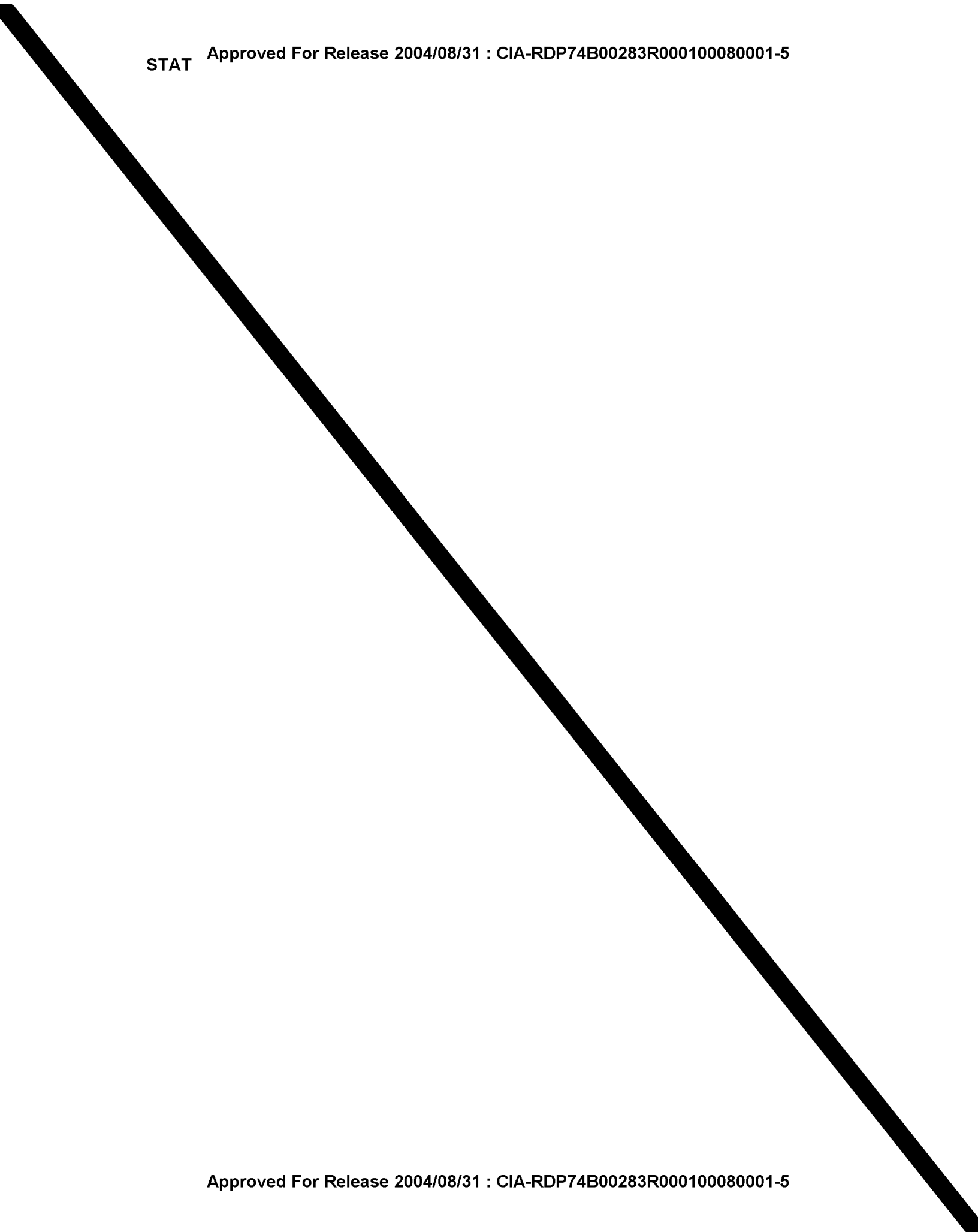

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TAGBOARD

TAGBOARD STATUS

1. Series of 4 test launches from B-52 to begin in September and be completed in January. This date could slip.

2. Two B-52's being configured. 15 drones being retro-fitted, 19 new on order -- total 34 drones.

25X1

3. Total funds expended to date: [redacted] including FY-1968 obligations.

TAGBOARD VS. OXCART OR SR-71

1. There are no major differences in capabilities for photo coverage of these three systems. However, TAG much more complex system of launch and recovery and has no flexibility once launched. In addition, TAG airframe @ about [redacted] 25X1 lost with each mission--camera and certain other hardware recovered.

25X1 [redacted]

3. TAG enables QRC mission over denied territory without risk of losing pilot.

BASIC QUESTION

1. Are potential political liabilities of such magnitude as to warrant development and maintenance of an unmanned in addition to a manned overhead QRC photo capability? The Board of National Estimates agreed that if one of these vehicles came down in unfriendly territory "the adverse political and propaganda reaction would be greater if a pilot were recovered." However, allowing for varying circumstances and situations, the Board thought that "by and large, the difference would in most cases probably not be very substantial."

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